

McAllister
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Montreal, 14 March 1896

Sir J. W. Dawson K.C.M.G. &c

Dear Sir I take the liberty of
sending herewith, a leaf of a Montreal
Merchants Journal of 1798 in which
items of interest I think will be found
as to the predecessors of some who have
been and are connected with this City

I would be assured that
with one name in it you will have
special interest. James McGill and
connected with this mention is the fact
as to the value of Grouse in that day

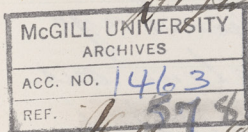
I was sorry to see that
the College buildings continue
to be injured by leakage from the
reservoirs. My intention to state
that from experience, I believe that
effective "puddling" with Blue Clay
will stop that damage & injury.

That occasion many years ago
when left practically alone one
summer in a house Abbotsford
Terrace, (the first house) opposite
Cannibal Church St. Catherine
St. I had to deal with an
invasion of rats with moisture

from the front. The digging of a
trench down to the foundation and
filling with Blue Clay, joined
with a good application of
Glass (broken) and Stones &
Tar, sealed all. I think
the Blue Clay very heavily applied
would seal the Reservoir
sufficiently and save the College
properties from further damage.

I venture to ask for publication
the substance of your essays or
address on the Wines of Scripture
which I have long thought was
of very special value.

Please excuse my
troubling you and I remain
Yours Respy & faithfully yours



John A. Thomson
If you could influence some
zealous lover of Christ to
lend individual & other help
in the tract work I would be
obliged. His name wanted
I will